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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

WE THINK it would have been cheaper for President Harrison if he had bought his house at Cape May Point. It would have been cheaper even if he had paid \$50,000, or a whole year's salary as Chief Magistrate of the United States. For although the cottage is worth only twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, and although it cost Mr. Harrison not one cent, it seems to us an uncommonly costly cottage. It has cost Mr. Harrison his last poor pretensions to a dignified conception of his high office. It has cost him the respect of the few people who tried, more for the sake of the place he is in than for his own sake, to give him a respect worth having. It has cost him even the reputation for manliness which belongs to every being in trousers until he himself gets rid of it; for it is in Mrs. Harrison's name that the title-deeds are drawn, and it is behind his wife's skirts that Mr. Harrison shields himself from the imputation of accepting a gift which every consideration of self-respect and respect for his office should have moved him to refuse — and to refuse with scorn and contempt for the men who proffered it.

And the worst thing about that cottage, the thing which will probably make it most expensive to President Harrison, is the object for which it was given. Of course, when presents are given to a man in high office, who has the power to dispose of other offices, the natural assumption is that he is expected to make a return for the presents in the distribution of places. This is the view generally taken of such transactions. The Mayor of New York could have told Mr. Harrison that much. His gift of six thousand dollars, or ten thousand, or whatever it may have been, to the infant child of a political boss, has cost him more than one supporter for every dollar he spent on his godchild, and has even made it advisable for the boss to travel three thousand miles after that frequent necessity of the politician — a "vindication." But President Harrison's case is worse than his who merely rests under the suspicion of having received a present that is no better than a bid for undue and illegitimate favor. We regret to say that the transaction does not rise to this disgraceful dignity. The men

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"OVER THE HILLS TO THE POOR - HOUSE."

One more unfortunate demands admission to the great eleemosynary institution.

who gave President Harrison his cottage gave it to "boom" a hotel and land speculation, and that is all.

Now it is bad enough for the President of the United States to take a gift from men who want the disposal of patronage. But for our Chief Magistrate to take a gift from men who want him to act as a tout for a Summer hotel is, if not quite so bad, morally speaking, so infinitely lower and more degrading, that it is fair to tell Mr. Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, that the gift he has received from Messrs. Wanamaker, Hamilton, Drexel, and the rest, has cost him more than he ever before in his life paid out at one time.

And at least he might have had the title-deeds made out in his own

If the men who have built up Broadway from Bowling Green to Madison Square find that they and their business interests are of no earthly account to the members of the two houses of Congress, they have only themselves to blame for it. They are a most powerful influence in the business of this great city. The failure of a few large importing-firms would work incalculable financial disaster in every direction. A serious injury to their business would mean a serious injury to the whole banking business of New York. Now, this is one of the numerous facts which the members of the House of Representatives can not be expected to know. But there is no reason why it should not be known in that smaller body of elder men which we call the Senate. The State of New York has two representatives to enlighten their fellow-members on just such points. Our friends the importers, when they go to protest against an attempt of the lower house to play ducks and drakes with their business, find that one of their representatives is a dotard and the other a feather-headed politician, and that neither one will or can do any thing for them. It is an unpleasant discovery. But-who elected the Legislature that put these two guardians of the business interests of the metropolis where they are?

We hope that House Bill No. 9197 will have a hard time in Congress. It is a product of Mr. John Wanamaker's genius, and it is admirably calculated to annoy and injure every newsdealer in the U ited States; as well as every reader and every publisher of periodicals. Here is the story of H. B. 9197. Under the present laws, unsold periodical publications may be returned by the newsdealer to the news agency, at the rate of 4c. per lb.; to the publishers direct at the rate of 4c. per 4 oz. This discrimination against the publishers moved some of them to protest to Mr. Wanamaker. Mr. Wanamaker at once saw the injustice of the discrimination, and, with fine intelligence, proposed to remedy it by marking up rates all round to 4c. per 4 oz. And so we have House Bill 9197. Now what will be the effect of H. B. 9197? It entails a greatly increased expense on somebody. That somebody must be the publisher, in the end. And if he is to be charged four times the present rate of postage for returned copies, he will be driven to make his paper or magazine non-returnable.

Then the newsdealer must protect himself by ordering only as many copies as he is absolutely sure he can sell. This costs him his casual trade. The man who buys his Puck or his Harper's Weekly, or his Century or his Scribner's just where and when it may be convenient for him, must come early to the news-stand or book-store to get his copy; and for his purchase some belated regular customer must lose his chance. And so it gets around at last to the consumer — that poor old neglected patient animal for whose benefit nobody ever thinks of legislating.

We understand that Mr. Wanamaker defends his extraordinary bill on the ground that carrying papers is not a paying branch of the postal business. But what would become of the paying branch — letter-carrying — if it were not for the papers? What is the bulk of the letter-mail? Love-letters? If ever there was a man who built up his business by advertising, it was Mr. John Wanamaker. Does he think that his is the only business brought to great proportions by advertising in newspapers and other periodicals? Mr. Wanamaker need not be afraid that the postal-service will ever lose by affording every possible facility for the circulation of newspapers and magazines. It is only such publications as are widely read, and therefore of value to advertisers, that will trouble his mails much or long; and while these are extending their usefulness, he may safely allow them a fair margin for returns. At least, he need not force them to pay postage on unsalable matter at a rate four times greater than the rate on matter presumably salable.

OFF COLOR.

"He's a Pessimist. Very widely read."

"That's strange. A Pessimist ought to be very largely blue."

AS ELSEWHERE.

TEACHER.—What regulates the supply of liquor in Maine? BRIGHT BOY (who reads the newspapers).—The demand.



POETRY AND PROSE.

MRS. RHYMER stolidly knitting. To her tumultuously enters MELIBOEUS RHYMER, enthusiasm in his eye, excitement in his manner, and a sheet of note-paper in his hand.

RHYMER .- Martha, I 've just finished the best poem I 've ever done -it's a magnificent piece of work, if I do say so. Conceived idea instantaneously - seemed to form itself outside of my volition - I dashed it off like a flash - and here it is. Listen!

MRS. RHYMER (counting stitches). - "teen, fifteen, sixteen purl, knit one-

RHYMER (dampened). - Martha!

MRS. RHYMER (still counting) .- Two, three, four, purl - do keep quiet, you'll put me out - knit one, two, three - that 's it. 'Boeus, I shall want two more skeins of this to finish - red, remember; and you'd better get it at Galloon's, third counter on the right; and be sure not to buy it of the girl with a mole on her nose — she's partly color-blind.

RHYMER (shrugging shoulders). — Ugh!

MRS. RHYMER (looking up for first time). - So you're through? Did you think to cork the ink-bottle?

RHYMER (obstinately).—I've got a poem here — a poem, poem, poem! MRS. RHYMER.—Oh! How long is it?

RHYMER (sullenly). - Long?

MRS. RHYMER (thoughtfully) .- Yes. The last one was a little too short, you know. If there'd been one stanza and a half more it'd have exactly paid for baby's cough medicine. You ought always to write them of five-dollar length, whether or no. That's why I never liked your sonnets—it takes three and a quarter of them to make five dollars, including stamps.

RHYMER (fiercely).— Martha, do you want to hear this poem?

MRS. RHYMER.— Why, of course. I'm all ready—twenty-four, twenty-five, narrow, twenty-six, 'ty-seven, purl - and I wish you 'd - 'tyeight, thread over one, purl - do three more this week, so that if you can't get anybody to buy this one, you won't - knit one, two, three - lose your time. RHYMER (oblivious and regaining ardor, reads):
"Oh, loneliest thou—"

MRS. RHYMER (starting). - There, I knew I'd forgotten something important! We've not more than coffee enough for breakfast, and you must order four pounds Rio and Java mixed. You might make a memorandum on the margin of the poem.

RHYMER (tragically). - Memorandum! Coffee! Margin of the poem! MRS. RHYMER (innocently) .- Yes. Rio and Java mixed, four pounds. RHYMER (choking) .- Heavens and earth! (Reads):

"Oh, loneliest thou -"

MRS. RHYMER.—Wait a moment, 'Boeus - eight, nine, ten, eleven. Go on, now - only don't shout and disturb little 'Boezy, as you did when you made me get up at two o'clock in the morning to hear "Leonidas to the Lacedaemonians" - purl, sixteen, seventeen - which you did n't sell, after all, you know - nineteen, twenty, narrow.

RHYMER (repressing his feelings, reads):

"Oh, loneliest thou of lonely things, my heart -"

MRS. RHYMER (critically). - Seems to me I've heard that somewhere before.

RHYMER (wild at once) .- Heard it before? Impossible!

MRS. RHYMER (indifferently) .- Well, never mind - I dare say the magazine people won't notice it.

RHYMER (groaning) .- Yah! (Continuing):

"Oh, loneliest thou of lonely things, my heart, 'Twixt present griefs anear and past joys far Yawns a great gulf -

MRS. RHYMER (interrupting) .- That last 's in the Bible - the minister read it two Sundays ago.

RHYMER (irritated). - Martha Rhymer, you're enough to drive a man howling crazy!

MRS. RHYMER (serenely) .- But it is in the Bible, you know, 'Boeus. RHYMER (plunging ahead):

" - gulf of woe that sets apart The times that are not from the times that are, And makes the piled-up years a-

MRS. RHYMER (abruptly).— Give me that jacket the first thing to-morrow morning, mind. There's a rip under the arm that's letting all the wadding out.

RHYMER (maddened) .- I swear I won't read another word!

MRS. RHYMER (easily).—Oh, yes, do. I don't mind listening a bit. RHYMER (attempting sarcasm).—Ah! Don't mind listening! In-deed! MRS. RHYMER (impervious). - No; truly I don't. Read as much as you like - it does n't bother me very much - thirty-seven, thirty-eight, narrow, knit one - if you only won't roar when you get to the strong passages.

RHYMER (sneering).—Perhaps there won't be any strong passages.

MRS. RHYMER.—Very likely. You know that 's what the Aeon sawhen it sent back "The Murder of the Marigolds." You know that 's what the Aeon said

RHYMER (desperately resuming):

" - piled-up years a prison bar, Bespiked with sharp remorses. Yes; thou art 1-

MRS. RHYMER .- You ought to have that front tooth seen to, 'Boeus. When you twist your mouth about so in reading, it looks to me as if it was To-morrow you must loose.

RHYMER (persisting):

" A weary wanderer -

MRS. RHYMER (with animation) .- Wanderer! Oh, that reminds A man came here this afternoon, who said he represented the Home for Wanderers, and he said he wanted a subscription, and I said I'd consult you, and he said -

RHYMER (despairing). - Great Scott!

MRS. RHYMER .- No; that was n't it at all. He said he 'd-

RHYMER (dashing down MS.).—Oh, this is simply unendurable! MRS. RHYMER.—Why, no, 'Boeus, I should n't call it that—I endured it well enough; but it seems dreadfully short - not even sonnet length - and I don't believe they 'll pay you more than fifty ce-

RHYMER (in a distracted state).—Oh, why did I ever write? Oh, did I ever marry? Oh, why was I ever born? Oh! Oh! Oh!

MRS. RHYMER (counting) .- Twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, purl, knit one, cast off!

Manley H. Pike.

ON HOUSEHOLD MOTTOS.

nights

YKE, BE YOU a-takin' to puttin' up them there mottors?" inquired the man who never went home, eying the spatter-work sign, "Peace and Prosperity!" which Mr. Hyke had newly hung behind the bar.

"Wal, now, it 's amazin' how fashions will git hold! They ain't a house you go into, nor a store, neither, but what the Golden Rule or the Commandments is starin' you in the face from somewheres. Are the community livin' up to 'em any better 'n' they used to, think?

better 'n' they used to, think? It seems to me, Hyke, more like they 're kinder sneakin' out of it in this way, like the feller that writ his pra'rs onto a shingle so 's he could point to 'em cold 'n' say: other 's my sentiments!'

nights, 'n' say: 'them's my sentiments!'
instid of gittin' to his knees. I've notice
the more people ain't livin' up to a mottor,
the more it 's bound to be stuck up over the

chimbly piece. When you go into a house, 'n' set down 'n' read: 'God Bless Our Home!' you kin take big odds it's as bad in need of blessin' as it ever bin of white washin'. 'N' 'Love Yer Enemies!' Why,

bless ye, old Squire Skinnam, he's got one of 'em up over his writin' desk, 'n' five lawsuits a goin' on with his neighbors. 'Love Yer Enemies!' My goodness! that do seem the onlikeliest of 'em all; now, don't it? If the mottor said: 'Leave Your Enemies Live; Don't Take 'Em By The Neck 'n' Choke The Life Out of 'Em!' you mought say that were bad enough to tackle; but love 'em? We find it blame hard enough to love our near relations. I don't see where our enemies is goin' to git the ghost of a show. 'N' 'Peace 'n' Prosperity!' hangin' behind a bar counter! Ain't that redeck'lous? Still, it got more biziness hangin' BEHIND the bar, that's so, than it hev in front of it. If there 's any peace 'n' prosperity goin', they ain't lavishin' themselves on the fellers in front. The man behin' hes got the best look out, in that direction."

"Well, now, you bin standin' up to that bar, off 'n' on, a good many years," retorted Hyke, in an injured tone. "I don't see as Peace 'n' Prosperity has neglected you so awful bad."

"Were it standin' up to the bar that fetched 'em—think? Why, man, the two dollars, or four, or ten, or whatever it mought be, that are comin' to me every week from the business my wife attend to, 'n' that I kin spend as I please, would frequentin' here ever brung it into my pocket? It fetch it out, fast enough, as my wife often say to me. 'If the females of this town,' she often make the remark,

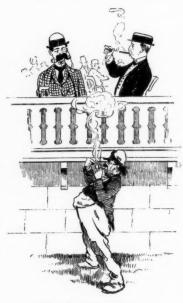


HOPE DEFERRED.

Young Butt (who has just proposed). — If you can not answer me now, dear Miss Archer, I am willing to wait — .

Miss Archer. — So am I. Make it four years.

PAYING THE PIPER.



"Now, Jack, I'm going to enjoy one of those Perfectos."

'were wimmin sech as wimmin were intend to be, that feller Hyke, 'n' others resemblin' him, would be heaved in duck ponds 'n' rid on rails.' It 's astonishin' what sound judgement my wife kin sometimes express! I 'm jest a thinkin' if she could on'y see that sign up there: 'Peace 'n' Prosperity!' blame to gracious if I don't think she grab onto the poker 'n' ornament that mottor."

But a voice from the porch, conveying the intelligence that Joe Barnes's team was comin' down the road—them team he blew about, Saturday—caused the man who never went home to leave unfinished his chapter on mottos, and proceed leisurely to the door, where he leaned to view the approaching quadrupeds with the air of a critic who is disposed to be lenient, but who fears that conscience will compel him to be

Madeline S. Bridges.

THE FREAK SOULLOQUIZES.

I SIT UPON the platform here,
And gaping crowds say: "Oh, how funny!"
The freaks I see, who gaze on me,
Get nothing, while I rake in money.



"Say, me boy, that Perfecto smells like a ship-yard afire."



"T is rank, is n't it?"



"There's another quarter thrown away!"



"Say, Jack, we wronged that cigar."

A HITCH IN THE PROGRAMME.



SUBURBAN RESIDENT (inviting friend). -I shall expect you on the early train, old fellow, and I'll show you what the calm repose and peaceful quiet of the country is like.



(Just before his friend's arrival, however, a neighbor's cow got into his yard, and "the calm repose and peaceful quiet of the country" appeared to be something like the above. }

AT THE POET THINKS HE THINKS.

FULL OFT the poet sings, In the sky on happy wings,
Of the beauties of his golden long ago; About the endless joy Of the happy barefoot boy, And the farmstead where the roses used to blow. But the reason that the poet feels the rare and fragrant charm Of the clover-scented meadow, with its locust rat-tat-tat, Is because he sees the beauties of the sweet secluded farm Through the optics of the comfort of his heaven-scraping flat.

The fun of tossing hay On a pleasant sunny day He depicts with silken pillows 'round his brow; And in an easy chair Sings of rural zephyrs rare, While he thinks he'd like to milk the kicking cow.

But he has no time for haying, and the zephyrs that he knows
By the river o'er the roof-tops is successfully dispensed,
And he would n't milk a Jersey, though the only milk that flows
For his use the grocer furnishes each rosy morn — condensed.

Though jolly after school Swimming 'round the stagnant pool, It is better in the crystal Turkish bath; The roses are as sweet For a cent upon the street,

As the specimens that flourish on a lath. Oh, the farm is very lovely when you see it in a dream, From the little flat an income makes delightful and secure!

Though no elevator greets you, and there is no heat by steam, And the ice-box and piano are one piece of furniture.

> The babbling silver spring Is a most refreshing thing When the lily on its bosom softly blows This the poet ever feels As he gaily rests his heels On the sofa, and the Pilsener richly flows.

Oh, the country of one's childhood is with beauty lush and ripe, It is bright with lovely flowers that in fragrance wave and sigh, But the time to fully feel it 's when you smoke your brier pipe In a comfortable flat, although it's almost in the sky.

R. K. M.

THE SPARTANS were trained to steal, and to wear the same clothing in Winter and Summer. They would have made pretty good nineteenthcentury tramps.

AN EXPRESSIVE NAME FOR A HORSE.

BROWN .- What 's the name of that colt? JONES .- Ten-dollar Bill. BROWN .- That 's no kind of a name for a horse. What did you call

him that for?

JONES. - Because, dear boy, he'll go so fast when he's broken.

A PLAUSIBLE REASON.

JONES.—I 've always wondered why they called that institution the "Chemical Bank."

SMITH. - Probably because the stock sells at drug-store prices.

SO MUCH BUNTING is called for on the Fourth of July that the goat ought to be our national bird.



AS MUCH AS HE COULD EXPECT.

FARMER RAKE (indignantly) .- Say, Bill, can't you do any thin' all day but swing in thet hammock?

Young Rake (home from college). - Oh, dear, yes! I can get in it, and I can get out of it!



GETTING IN ON HIM.

GRAND STREET DRY-GOODS NABOB (who fails to recognize his sales-girl in her street dress).-Won't you have my seat, Madam? THE SALES-GIRL .- No; keep it, and give me one at the store for an hour or two, to-morrow.

ILLUSIONS.

OF US are subject to illusions, and, generally speaking, we are fond of them. If we were not, life would lose much of its charm, and our theatres and stock exchanges could not exist.

When a man has spent a good part of his life chasing illusions, and is finally rewarded by striking something solid and substantial, we should feel glad for him. This was the case with Biggs. "At last," cried Biggs, joyfully, "I've found something in Wall Street that there's money in."

"Have you?" said Boggs. "What is it?"

"The Sub-treasury," answered Biggs.

I knew a young man who received a salary of \$1,500 a year and lived on \$1,000, besides which he spent, say \$500 for extras, which he did n't count. Said he, "I'll get married. There'll be only two of us, and we can live on \$1,500 easy enough."

After the first year he said this was an illusion in two ways. They had n't lived on \$1,500, and there were more than two of them.

The fondness of the majority of people for illusions is perhaps best shown in the theatre, where you may see a vast audience, hushed, and in a terrible agony of suspense, while a lady on the stage, who has been fearfully wronged that evening, deliberately swallows the wind out of an empty vial, assumes a lying posture, and plays dead.

It is said that an acquaintance with actors, and experience behind the scenes, robs the stage of its illusions somewhat.

I have a friend whose personal acquaintance with actors has been quite extensive. One evening, when we were attending a performance together, a gentleman on the stage, who wore red clothes, and was energetic and jerky, cried out that he was the sole and undisputed possessor of a kingdom. "Damim!" said my friend, quietly, "he does n't possess the right

of way over an Irishman and a hand car."

This actor was Dick St. Deth, who sometimes plays Richard V.

After the performance he plays the V alone, loses it, and remains Richard without a V until he has more good luck.

My friend says a great actor like this Dick St. Deth reminds him of a hawk. He soars high, but he'll come down to earth very abruptly for a square meal. Then, again, like the hawk, he depends for his living upon those who are most easily carried away.

My friend spoke of a curious case the other day. He says Mr. and Mrs. Progrum have been acting together for ten years; they have never had a falling out or the least misunderstanding in all that time, and yet they kiss and make up six or eight times a week right along.

Speaking of stage illusions, I might mention the case of the man who

was quite sure he saw some snakes when there was n't a single snake anywhere around. Pray, don't ask me what this has to do with the stage, for, if you do, I shall say the man had reached the last stage of jim tremens.

Morris Waite.

AN ARISTOCRATIC LOCALITY.

MR. CH. ICAGO. - Say, Bub, can you tell me where Washington

BROADWAY BOOTBLACK .-- Oh, dat's where de dagos shines yer up for two cents!

SURE ENOUGH, HE HAD IT.

'T was on the cheek I kissed her-She made resistance weak; But murmured as she felt my lips: "Well, I think you have the cheek!"

AN ILLUSTRATION FROM NATURE.

MR. THEO. REA (the accountant).—There, now; I think my system

is absolutely perfect. There is n't a crack or a flaw in it.

MR. BEN THARR.—There is n't in an egg-shell, Teddy; but you can open one easier than you can an oyster!

NASCITUR NON FIT.

- "You 'll have to follow the Scriptural advice if you want to be a poet."
- "What advice is that?"
- "You 'll have to be born again."

PHILADELPHIA WET-WEATHER SIGN.

MISS CHESTNUT .- I guess it is true that Postmaster General Wanamaker is going to mitigate his temperance views, so to speak, and have wine on his table hereafter.

MRS. FILBERT.- I don't believe he will. He is n't that kind of a

MISS CHESTNUT .- May be so; but just the same, I bought a new patent corkscrew on the bargain counter to-day.

"THAT POLITICIAN is a rascal, and I 'm going to tell him so to his face." "You'll have to go on both sides of him, then."

REED'S OBJECT in banishing the bar of the House restaurant is probably to encourage the Maine custom of carrying pocket-flasks among the Congressmen.



ESCAPED FROM THE PILLORY.

MRS. BROADBENT .- Have you felt slippers, young man? VERY YOUNG SALESMAN.—Not since I 've been boardin' away from home, Marm.

EMBRACING AN OPPORTUNITY.



UNCLE JEDEDIAH CLAMPIT (at the magical formance).—What yer goin' t' do?
PROFESSOR GIUGAU.—I won't hurt you; but there seems to be something down the back of your coat. Just lean forward.



Here we are! UNCLE JEDEDIAH .- Blest 'f I knowed that feller was in there. Well, that 's great, ain't it?

A LETTER FROM AN OLD WEST POINTER TO A YOUNG ONE.

MR. GEO. YURLIN, 3d Class, U. S. M. A. — Dear George:

I note in your letter that you are now gunner of your detachment at light artillery drill, and that you hope this may be auspicious of your rising in your profession. But you can rise just as much, if not more, in the position of sponger and rammer. I was once sponger and rammer, and rushed in to sponge the sparks out of a twelve-pounder which did not need it, as it had not been discharged up to that moment—I am speaking now of the opportunity of rising—and the gun being fired off just as I arrived abreast the muzzle, I rose three feet in the air. The concussion made me so deaf that I could not hear. Nevermore, I thought, shall I hear the green grass or the beautiful blue sky. I remember the circumstance particularly well, because I went to a hop that night, and could not hear the music. It was very exasperating, as I had a critical partner who desired me to keep time; but after a while I got the orchestra leader to pin the score to the wall so that I could dance by sight. Happy idea, was n't it? And I did some very accurate work; but, of

course, a man who dances by note that way has every advantage over a person who has to dance solely by ear. I hope that after your graduation you will have no such story as this to tell, as I should hate to find you a liar.



JOHN SMITH.— If the gentleman writing over that name from Boston to the Editor of Puck, on June 12th, will send his address to this office, he will hear of something to our advantage.

OTHERWISE ENGAGED.

TRAMP. - Will that dog bite?

FARMER. -- Yes; but I can't spare him now. You'll have to go somewhere else. I want him to keep the hens out of the garden.

GROUP OF JOKES (knocking at door of HUMORIST'S sanctum) .- Let

HUMORIST (eagerly).— Who are you? CHORUS.—We are jokes about the rise in the price of ice.

HUMORIST (fiercely) .- Go away, go away! That 's no joke; it 's a crime!



Ef you're all through with me I will go home an' tell th' folks how wonderful smart you be. What time is it, friend?

ANOTHER BIG SCHEME BUSTED.

"Con," said Mr. Ketchum to his confidential clerk, "do you know what paper first kicked up a rumpus about those census questions?"
"I believe it was the Sun," said Con.

"Put it on our black list; never advertise in miserable sheet again. Do you hear, sir? the miserable sheet again. Never! Just read over that circular you got up to send to census enumerators, will you?

"Yes, sir. 'Dear Sir: When you have completed your duties as census enumerator, please write to us, and we will make you a flattering offer. We wish you to act as agent for our Dead Sure Remedies. Warranted to cure every disease on your list. Yours truly, Ketchum and Killam.

"Tear it up," said Mr. Ketchum, as he kicked the cat against the office partition.

NO ARGUMENT NECESSARY.

PRISONER. -- I don't think there will be any need of your addressing the jury.

LAWYER .- Why not?

PRISONER. - My insanity will be instantly plain to them when they see that I have retained you to conduct my case.

THERE'S MONEY IN FADDERY.

"What is your ambition? To be a poet?" "Not a bit of it. Poetry does n't pay. I want to become a Fad."

CORRECT.

TEACHER. - Bobby, what does lazy mean?

BOBBY. - Lazy means always to want your little sister to get it for

A SHORTCAKE MUST, indeed, be short when it can't raise the wherewith to berry itself decently.

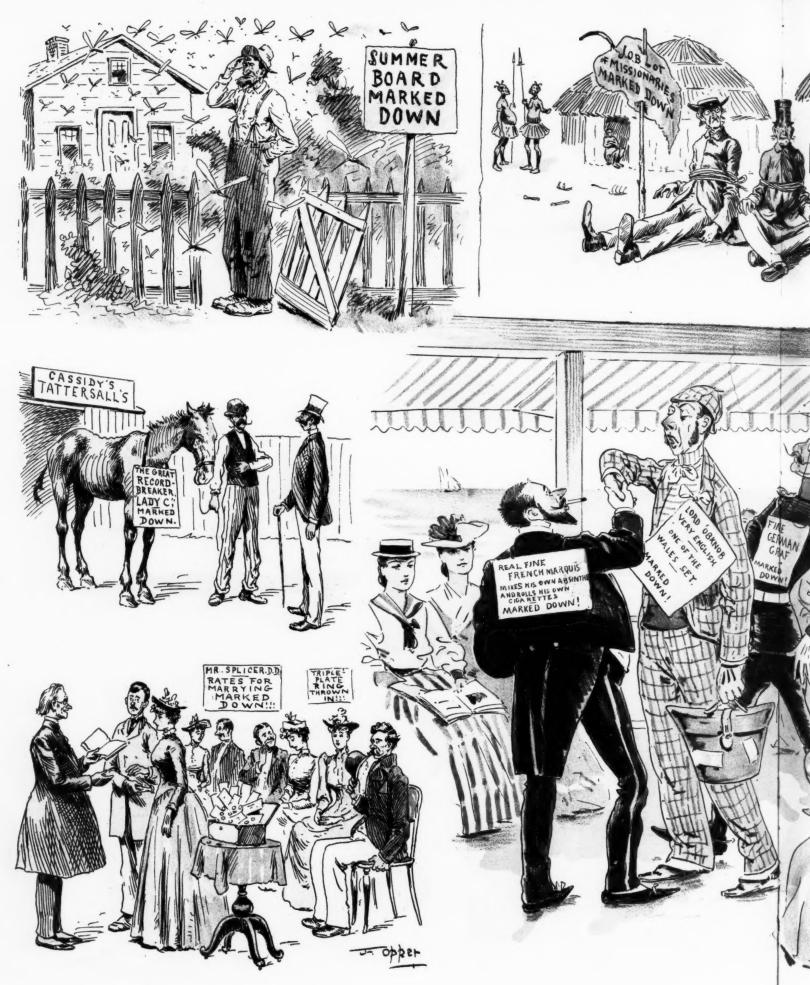
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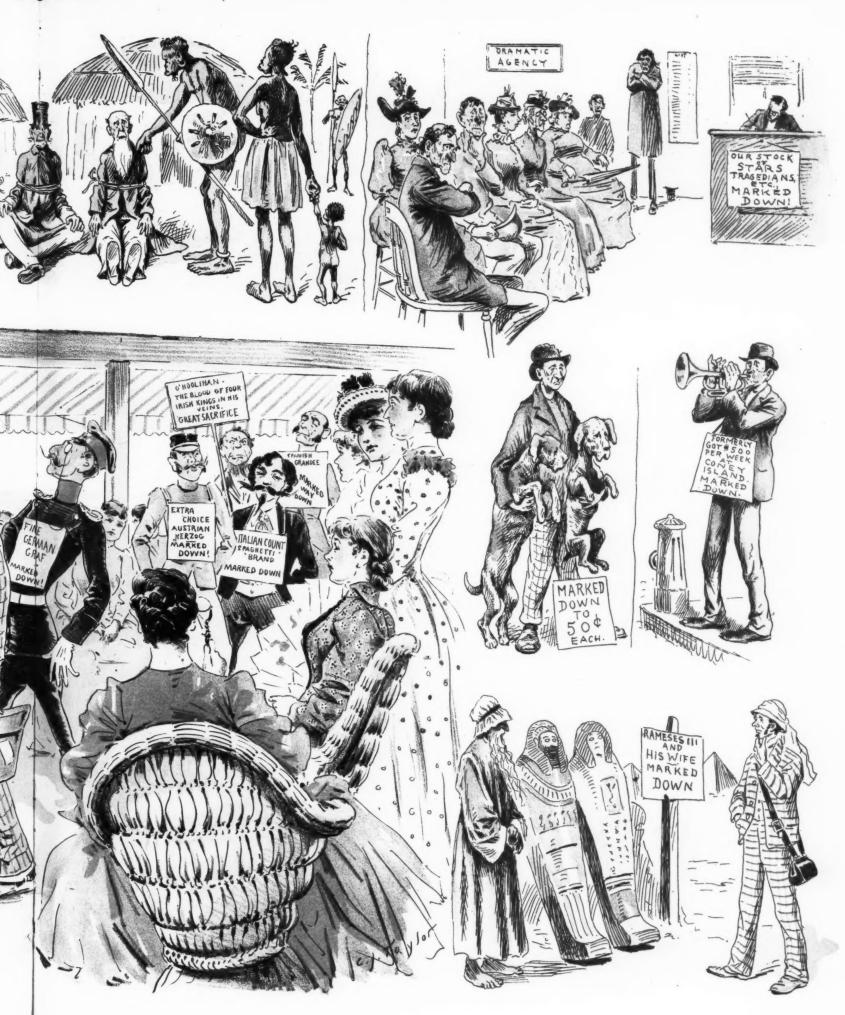


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HE BARMECIDE FEAST.

ONE EVENING, while Schacabac was walking sadly home from Guttenberg, where he had spent the afternoon and everything else he possessed, he beheld a superb mansion of the modern colonial New Jersey style of architecture, and, on asking to whom it belonged, was told that it was the home of a Barmecide.

Now, Schacabac had often heard of the hospitality and generosity of the Barmecides, and therefore he approached the door without hesitation, and asked if the Boss were at home. The servant bade him enter a large apartment, in which he found a man of benevolent aspect seated on a sofa, and he knew at once that

he was a Barmecide.

The stranger received a cordial welcome, and, in response to the ques-

tions of his host, said:

"My lord, I am a poor man, who stands in need of help to-day. I have not eaten a bit since morning, with the exception of a ham sandwich that I purchased at the track. I have been unfortunate, also, this day in other respects. In short, my lord, you see before you a man who went forth from his home this morning filled with the high and holy purpose of picking winners at the Guttenberg track, and has gone broke in consequence of his overweening ambition."

"If that be the case," quoth the Barmecide, "you must sit down and eat with me." He led the way to the dining-room, and they seated themselves at an extension-table from which the middle leaves had been removed, leaving a yawning cavity between the two ends. The Barmecide explained that the table was part of a set of cottage furniture that he had purchased at a mark-down sale. "And," he explained, "he could not put

the leaves in, because it had got stuck."

"I see," said the stranger, "that it matches you in that regard, even as this yawning cavity matches the condition of my stomach."

"I perceive that you are a man of jest," replied the Barmecide, as he clapped his hands, exclaiming: "Ho! boy, bring us blue points on the deep. Well, I am funny myself at times," he added, pensively.

Then, although no servant appeared, he made as though he were eating oysters, and said:

"How do you like these blue points, good friend?"
"They are, indeed, excellent," replied the guest; "but I am sorry I prefer them on shore, because it is easier to get they are on the deep. at them."

The Barmecide clapped his hands, and called aloud for the next dish.

"This soup is excellent," he remarked a moment later,

as he fell to with apparent gusto.

"It is, indeed," replied the other; "but the proper way to enjoy its full flavor is to allow it to trickle freely through your whiskers. I have frequently partaken of it in that

fashion on race days."

The next course consisted of fish; but, as it was not Friday, Schacabac said he would not "queer his luck" by partaking of it. Then an entrée was brought on, which the Barmecide said was a vol au vent. The stranger ate it, but observed that, to his taste, there was too much vent in it and not enough vol.

"Now for the roast!" cried the

Barmecide.

"It seems to me that this whole scheme is something of a roast," observed his guest, sadly; "but - excuse me for mentioning it - have you not observed that this varied and prodigal repast produces a terrible dryness of the throat?"

"You are right, I will open a bottle," was the rejoinder. "Here, menial, a quart of Mumm's Extra Dry!"

He pretended to pour the wine out into a glass, and hold it up to

the light.
"It is a good wine, though rather dry," he remarked.

"For my own part," said his guest, "I prefer Mumm's Extra Wet, when I can get it."

"We will have a bottle with our dessert," said the Barmecide, and forthwith he commanded the invisible attendant to bring in the Chicago pudding. This dish, which was served with World's Fair sauce, proved even lighter than any thing else they had partaken of, and led to the remark,

on the part of the stranger, that should think a steady diet of the sort affected by his host ought to be a sure cure for dyspepsia.

"If the pudding is too frothy, we will have roly-poly, instead," said the Barmecide, clapping his hands together. "It is very nice," he continued a moment later, as he pretended to eat; "I generally eat it with gammon and spinach: but the cook tells me we are entirely out of spinach

"Which accounts for its being all gammon," interrupted Schacabac.

"Precisely," said the host, with a formal bow:

"but let me offer you another glass of wine."

"Really, this wine is so strong that I don't know what I am about," cried the stranger, leaping to his feet, and performing a sudden and aston-"Your hospitality has been so generous, good sir, that I ishing dance. am loaded.'

I was fifteen!

With that he seized his host by the beard, pressed his head down into the vacant space of the extension-table, and then climbed gayly on his back, when he recited the following verses:

"Great is Allah, and wondrous are the deeds of his prophet! Oft have I dallied with the fried wind of the fifty-cent table d'hôte. But never have I felt more like a balloon than I do this day, O Barmecide!

And then the Barmecide said to him:

"I see, good friend, that you know full well how to appreciate a Resume your seat at the table, and I will put the leaves in and order a repast suitable to the occasion."

The Barmecide not only kept his word, but afterward, in the fullness of his heart, he lent his guest fifty cases, with which to play Clothesrack, straight and place, at Clifton the next day. And in this manner did Schacabac recoup his shattered fortunes.

MIXED CHRONOLOGY.

JIMMY.—How old are you now, Tommy? Tommy.—I dunno; on the railroad I'm al-ways under twelve, but when dad hired our flat,

J. L. Ford.



"Is it really beautiful?"

"Well, that depends on what you call beautiful. Did you ever see a dried apple?"

"Yes."

"Well, that 's Cleopatra's mummy on a small scale."

MAN, THE MONSTER!

She had beauty, she had wealth, She had culture and "position;" But a spinster lone she still is, Because she also had "a mission."

AN AUTHORITY ON IT.

"I hear Ward McAllister is writing book."

"Yes."

"Is he capable of doing it well?"

"Oh, my, yes! He is a man of irreproachable style."

LOVE IS BLIND.

Mr. Infrit. - Miss Chanse, I love you! Will you be my wife?

MISS CHANSE. - I am sorry Mr. Infrit; but - but - I somewhat fastidious in my choice. MR. INFRIT. - Oh, but / am not!

IF FORTY-TWO STATES, lying in one group, can practice free-trade for generations among themselves and prosper, the fact furnishes at least one reason for believing that there is some virtue in tariff reduction.

THE LITERARY MOVEMENT IN CHICAGO.

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SOME OF THE latest price-lists of packed beef are models of the typographer's art.

IT MAY BE mentioned, as a gratifying illustration of the spread of literary taste, that more policies were written last month than during any month since the great fire.

"LARD, AND How to Render It," by Cotton C. Doyle, is a recent useful volume. The work is enriched with a poetic preface by Miss Laker, secretary of the Bongtong Bibliophilic Association.

MR. ERASTUS LIVEWAYTE'S literary labors keep him at his office until late every night. He is treasurer of the World's Fair Fund, and is writing letters to subscribers, requesting them to pay up their subscriptions.

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Wm. H. Siviter.

A WINDING WAY.

After being dined and wined, Old Martel is homeward bound. By the tracks he leaves behind, One would think he had been wound!

OPINION FROM A ONE-NIGHT STAND.

LARRY ATTE (of Devil's Gulch, coming out of the theatre). - An' how long has this play been runnin'?

HOFFMAN HOWES .- Over a hundred nights.

LARRY ATTE. - Gosh! I should think you New Yorkers'd have it by heart!



LOOKING AHEAD.

- No, my man, this is not mine. It was a twenty-dollar bill I lost."
- "But it was a twinty-dollar bill before I got it changed, Sor.
 "What did you get it changed for?"

"Och, sure, so the owner could convayniently reward me, Sor."



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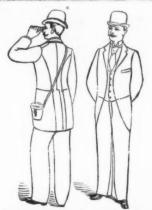
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